

**AGING, DEPARTMENT ON[17]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rule making related to definitions**

The Department on Aging hereby amends Chapter 1, “Introduction, Abbreviations and Definitions,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 231.14.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 231.4.

*Purpose and Summary*

This amendment implements 2018 Iowa Acts, House File 2451, section 3. The amendment also eliminates the duplication in Chapter 1 of definitions that are currently in Iowa Code section 231.4 and continues movement toward a single and comprehensive rule of definitions applicable to all chapters within the Department’s rules.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making*

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 17, 2019, as **ARC 4545C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rule Making*

This rule making was adopted by the Commission on Aging on September 12, 2019.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 17—Chapter 11.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rule making will become effective on February 19, 2020.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Rescind the definitions of “Administrative action,” “Certified volunteer long-term care ombudsman,” “Commission,” “Department on aging,” “Director,” “Legal representative,” “Long-term care facility,” “Long-term care ombudsman program,” “Older individual,” “Options counseling” and “Resident” in rule **17—1.5(231)**.

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